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Continuation of LETTER XV. *from the* National Merchant, *on the Colonies and Settlements of the* French, *from our Paper of December* 1.

ABOUT the Year 1706 (says M. *Mesnager*) the King having himself form'd a Scheme for some Attempts upon the *English* Colony of *Jamaica*, he called me frequently to him to draw it up in Form: When it was, after several Alterations, brought to please him, *He told me*, he was extremely fond of that Design, and ask'd me if I was willing to go to the King of *Spain* with it? I made his Majesty sensible what an Honour I should esteem it, to be sent to any Part of the World where his Service required: I think, *said the King*, nobody is so able to tell my Grandson, the King of *Spain*, my Thoughts in all the Particulars, as you, who have seen all the Alterations, Amendments and Additions, we have made, and know the Ground-plot of the Whole. ——— Accordingly I went to *Madrid*, and laid the Scheme before the King of *Spain*. But when he came to have it debated in his Council of State, they were so backward, so ignorant, conceived so ill of the Design, and raised so many Difficulties, that I was obliged to send his Majesty Word, I thought the *Spanish* Court capable of doing nothing for themselves. The King was exceedingly vexed, that his Proposals were not received with so much Readiness, as was expected, and called me Home again, which I was very well pleased with; nothing being more disagreeable to any Man, who has lived in *France*, and especially at Court, than that stiff, haughty, unconcerned Way, that the *Spaniards* do all their Business with.

'This Project was in short thus: The King proposed to send 14 Men of War of the Line to the *Spanish West Indies*, to attack the *English* Colony of *Jamaica*: His Majesty's Measures were, that the Ships should Rendezvous at *Cadiz*, there to take in Provisions, and as many *Spanish* Seamen, as could be had there; from thence to proceed to the *Havana*. This the King ordered, *because it would amuse the English, who would not imagine that the Design was so far out of the Way.* —— The *Spaniards* made a Difficulty of every thing; they spent three Weeks in getting over the Method to prevent the *Spanish* Merchants going to *America* in our Ships without Licence, and would have had me gone back to *Paris* for the King's Hand to an Engagement that the *French* Ships should carry no *European* Merchandize with them; nay, they would have had the King's Men of War submit to be visited by the Custom-house Officers. Then they scrupled admitting the Men of War into the Port of *Havana*, for fear, I suppose, of seizing it for the King of *France*; as if when the King had given the King of *Spain* a Kingdom, he would have attempted to take some of it again from him. —— Tired with this impertinent Slowness in their Proceedings, and with the unperforming Temper of the *Spaniards*, the King, *as I said*, gave over the best Design that was ever laid of that Kind, and which could not have fail'd to have answered the End, had no uncommon Disaster befallen it from the Elements; for as to the Enemies, there was no Fear of any Preparations they could make, because there was no Possibility of their having any Notice of it.

'The Ships, as I have said, were to have their Rendezvous at *Cadiz*, and were to have Six thousand Men on board of Regular Troops, to whom the *Spaniards* were to join Two thousand, with Twenty Transports; and after the Rendezvous at *Cadiz*, they were to sail from thence to the *Havana*; because it was his Majesty's Opinion, if they went to *Martinique*, or *St. Christopher's*, the *English* would have Notice of them, and would immediately arm on all Hands to oppose them; but as the *Havana* was a *Spanish* Port, between which and the *English* Islands, there was no Opportunity of Intelligence, it was the King's Opinion, that it was easy for the Fleet to lie there, and be join'd by the other Ships which should come from *Martinique*, &c. and the *English* have no Knowledge of it; which was indeed very reasonable: The King's Orders were then, that they should send an Express to the said Colonies at *Martinique*, to join them with all the arm'd Sloops, or other Ships they had, and, in a Word, with all the Force they could raise, which, as the King said, he expected should be near 4000 Men more, with Ships and Sloops enough to carry them, without reckoning three Men of War which were there already; and as the King observed, he was satisfied, that the *Four thousand* Men from *Martinique* and *St. Christopher's*, would be much fitter for Service, than the *Six thousand* from *Europe*; for of them his Majesty said, he should always expect one Half to be Sick. —— With this Force the King's Measures were, that they should sail from the *Havana* directly to *Barbados*, and come to an Anchor directly in the Road; from whence they were to alarm all the rest of the *English* Islands, and by making Preparations to land, they should at least prevent any Force from being sent from thence to *Jamaica*, where the main Design was to make a Descent: After some time, the whole Army, and Half the Men of War, were to sail to *Jamaica*, which is all with a Trade Wind and Sea Current (leaving 7 or 8 Men of War at *Barbados* to keep them alarm'd) there the Forces were to go directly on Shore, and attack the Forts at the Point, which there was no doubt, after a short Battery, they would take Sword in Hand; after which, the whole Island would be reduced of course, together with its Booty in Merchandize and Negroes, which would be immense.

'THE King was so wrapt up in this Project, that it was no wonder if he was very much displeased with the *Spaniards* that they had not an equal Passion for it, when it was proposed by me: And when I brought his Majesty an Account of their Behaviour, he said, *They are the most stupid-wise People in the World.* However the King (*continues M. Mesnager*) did not lay aside his Project, though he left out the *Spaniards* in the Execution, and though he chang'd the Nature of the Attempt and Scene of Action, which was removed to *Nevis*, &c. There the Enterprize was carried on with good Success; and our Admiral (*Ibberville*) landed, destroy'd, plunder'd, *&c.* and besides the other Booty taken, and the Spoil done to the Enemy, our Men took as many Negroes from the *English*, as they sold afterwards to the *Spaniards* for 400,000 Pieces of Eight.'

So much from Monsieur *Mesnager*. But, with his Leave, I believe, that the *Spaniards* were not *so stupid a People*, as not to know very well their own true and real Interests, and to foresee, that the Time would come, whatever the present Situation of their Affairs then might be, when they themselves might as much need our Protection and Assistance against the *French* Power and Enterprizes in *America*, as they formerly, and not many Years since, had done for the Preservation of their *European* Dominions, and the Defence of *Spain* itself, their own native Mother Kingdom; and no doubt *the Time will come*, when they will willingly part with some of their uninhabited Places to the *English* (which, tho' at present but Nests for their Privatiers, Pirates, and rascally People, are yet an Expence to them to garison and maintain) *to form a Balance of Power in the* West Indies, and to secure themselves the better against the Designs and Encroachments of the *French* for the future; it being perhaps almost quite too late now to think to dispossess them of *Hispaniola*. —— For our *Sugar Islands*, in respect to Extent of Land, Power, Strength, *&c. are become as nothing to theirs*; and whomsoever they attack and drive out first from the *West India* Islands, whether us or the *Spaniards*, the other must soon expect to follow after. —— And when the Islands in the *North Sea*, the *Caribbees*, *Antilles*, and every Inlet and Return to and from the *Spanish* Dominions on the neighbouring Continent, shall be in the Power and Keeping of the *French*; does any one imagine, that they will be content to demand from the *Spaniards*, no higher Duties than have been paid to the Kings of *Denmark* for the Passage of the *Baltick*? Or, to use a *Spanish* Term, instead of receiving, what *Indultos* may they not expect to pay? Nay, how easy would be the Conquest of all the Ports on the *Windward Coast*, *Cartagena*, *Puerto Belo*, *Vera Crux*, &c? —— Ay, says Somebody, this has been the Fault of our Ministers. —— I answer, not at all *since the Treaty of* Utrecht; and I shall hereafter prove what I now assert, when I treat of our own Colonies, and shall then discover the true and latent Sources which, at length, *have quite sunk and overwhelmed our* West India *Settlements*. In the mean time we may do well to reflect on the incessant Opposition that has been given to the Administration, as also on the limited and undigested Nature, Power, and Force of the *executive* Part of the *English* Government, with respect to Colonies, Trade, *&c.* in Comparison with the wise and orderly Constitutions and Regulations of the *French*. —— Nor am I one of those that love to complain of Difficulties, without endeavouring at a Cure; for I hope to demonstrate also, that if, now at last, we would become unanimously studious to prefer the Publick Good, *our Remedy is very easy, and very near at Hand, be it Peace, or be it War*. —— But of this in its Place.

I return to my Subject: — A Gentleman since dead, who favoured me, about six Years ago, with a Letter on the State of the *French Sugar Colonies*, takes Notice of the aforesaid Project related by Monsieur *Mesnager*, and makes the following Reflection on it. 'In my Opinion, *says he*, this was a very dangerous Affair to 'the *English*; because the unthought-of Tour the 'French Squadron would have taken, must have bewildered any of ours that might have been sent after 'them; for not finding any News of the *French* at 'Barbados or the *Leeward Islands*, they would have 'proceeded in such Manner as to have given the other 'Time to have done their Business.'

BUT as there has been a great Desire of late in both Houses of Parliament, and throughout the whole Nation, to be informed of the State and Condition of the *Sugar* Trade and Islands, I shall present as much of the aforesaid Letter to the Publick, as I think may be of Service; the Gentleman who wrote it, having resided, and traded himself in Person, to and fro, among all the *English*, *French* and *Spanish* Colonies in the *West Indies*, for more than thirty Years; and I shall subjoin some Additions and Remarks of my own thereto, by Way of Notes, having myself been among both the *English* and the *French* Sugar Islands, before, as well as since the said Letter was sent me. ——— And should these Papers prove of no Benefit to my Country, it will, I own, be a great Disappointment to my Wishes. ——— However, it will be seen, at least, I have taken, for some Years past, more than a little Care to be informed of the Matters I write on; *Matters of urgent and infinite Concernment to this Kingdom!*

[*To be continued.*]

P. S. *In the 38th Line of the 3d Column, p. 1. of our Paper of Dec.* 1. Carolina *should be* Carolana, *an Error committed at the Press*; Carolana *being the Name given to the Tract of Land there meant, by King* Charles I. *in his Grant to Sir* Robert Heath, *of* October 30*th, in the 5th Year of his Reign.*

LONDON.

Yesterday arrived the Mails due from Holland *and* France.

They write from Copenhagen, that 8 of the Incendiaries, that, not long ago, set Fire to Rotschild, are apprehended, who have peach'd several more of their Accomplices.

From Berlin, that the King of Prussia has given 10,000 Crowns Gratuity to each of the 7 Regiments of Foot and Dragoons that made the last Campaign upon the Rhine.

From Warsaw, that the Chancery has issued Circular Letters, summoning the absent Nobility and Gentry of Poland to come and make their Submission to King Augustus within three Months, computing from the 1st of December, on Pain of losing their Offices and Dignities.

From Naples, that the Princess of Trignano Pazzoda, who was lately banished to Salerno, received an Order from Don Carlos, to retire out of the Kingdom; to which she paid a ready Obedience; and that her

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Papers have been ſeized, and are under Examination.

From Tuſcany, that Part of the Spaniſh Troops from Lombardy, are arrived in the Neighbourhood of Florence; and their General has acquainted the Great Duke, with the Reaſons that have obliged the Duke de Montemar to ſend his Troops back to that Country. Upon which the Great Duke has ordered Quarters to be provided for them; and the Duke de Montemar has ſettled his head Quarters at Empoli near Florence. But Letters of the 29th ult. from Bologna, ſay, that on the Sunday before, 850 German Huſſars came early in the Morning, to the Suburbs of that City, and immediately inveſted the Hoſpital of the Mendicants, in which were 2000 ſick Spaniſh Soldiers, whom they made Priſoners of War, together with their Piquet Guard, conſiſting of 50 Men, and took likewiſe a great Quantity of Provisions, which the Duke of Montemar had cauſed to be laid up in that Neighbourhood. They add, that the Commandant of thoſe Huſſars ſent likewiſe to demand, that all the Spaniards in the City might be delivered up to him as Priſoners of War; but the Senate of Bologna prevailed to be excuſed. The Letters of the 2d Inſtant from Verona, obſerve, that when this Expedition was taken in hand, the Term limited by the Emperor's Order to the Count de Keyvenhuller, for ſuſpending Hoſtilities againſt the Spaniards, was expired. The Letters from ſeveral Places in this Country, mention a Report, that the Duke de Montemar has, by Order from his Court, proclaimed a Suſpenſion of Arms with the Imperialiſts, at the Head of his Troops; but it needs Confirmation. Mean time the Imperial and French Commiſſioners cannot agree about regulating the Winter Quarters in Italy, and have ſent Expreſſes to their reſpective Courts for further Inſtructions.

There are Letters from Trent and Bozolo of the 4th Inſtant, which ſay, that the Prince of Saxe-Hilburghauſen having paſſed the Po at Lago Oſcuro, fell on a Body of Spaniards, of whom he cut 5 or 600 to Pieces, and took near as many Priſoners, among whom were ſeveral Officers of Rank; but both theſe Accounts are founded on the Report of Couriers, as they paſſed thro' thoſe Places, ſo that they need Confirmation.

Letters from Sicily ſay, that the Regents of that Country are very zealous in ſuppreſſing all Monuments, Inſcriptions and Statues that have any Relation to the former Government, and in calling in all the Gold and Silver Species coined with the Emperor's Effigies, in order to reduce them to the ſame Denomination and Standard as thoſe coined at Naples with the Effigies of the King of the two Sicilies.

They write from Vienna, that the French Miniſter, M. de l'Eſtang, is at moſt of the Aſſemblies of the Nobility there, and has frequent Conferences with the Emperor's Miniſters, in order to finiſh the Regulation of what relates to the Ceſſion of Lorain, and the Dutchy of Bar, and to fix the Place of Congreſs, which, 'tis believed, after all, will be at Aix la Chapelle, where Count Seckendorf is entertained with all the higheſt Marks of Reſpect, and where the Senate is employed in embelliſhing the publick Edifices, and the People in repairing and furniſhing their Houſes, both private and publick, of which there are many very fine and magnificent.

Yeſterday alſo came in two Mails from Ireland, with Votes of the Houſe of Commons; by which it appears, that, on the 28th ult. there was a Call of the Houſe, when the Excuſes of Sir Edward OBrien, Bart. Sir Robert Maud, Bart. and Hugh Willoughby, Eſq; for their Abſence, not being allowed, they were ordered into the Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms. The farther Call of the Members was to be as Yeſterday. The Heads of the Bill for accepting the ſolemn *Affirmation or Declaration of the Quakers*, were agreed to, and prepared to be tranſmitted to this Kingdom for the Royal Aſſent. And Leave was given to bring in Heads of a Bill for *preventing clandeſtine Marriages*; and of another for ſettling and aſcertaining the Tythe of Hemp and Flax. The Corporation of the City of Cork have petitioned for Leave to erect a Workhouſe for Employment of the Poor, &c.

The Right Rev. Dr. Tenniſon, Biſhop of Oſſory, died of an Inflamation of the Lungs, at his Houſe in Mary's Abbey in Dublin laſt Saturday Se'nnight. His Lordſhip ſucceeded Sir Thomas Veſey, Bart. who died in Auguſt 1730. And on the preceding Thurſday, died at Gallway, Oliver Blake, Eſq; Counſellor at Law: But the Report of the Death of the Rev. Dr. Sheridan, proves falſe, to the great Satisfaction of all who wiſh well to polite Literature; for Letters from Cavan ſay, that Gentleman is in a good State of Health.

Letters from Cork ſay, they have had great Rains and Inundations lately in thoſe Parts. And from Dublin they write, that in the great Storm which happen'd there on the 24th ult. a large Smuggling Wherry was ſunk between the Iſle of Man and that Coaſt, altho' they threw out above 20 Anchors of Brandy to lighten their Freight. The Maſter of a Sloop, who ſaw the Smugglers in Diſtreſs, to the Number of 9 Men, was going to their Aſſiſtance, but before he could get to them they were drown'd. —— The Letters add, that on the 26th in the Evening, as a Hackney Coachman was driving near the Wall on Lower Ormond Quay, the Ground gave Way, and the Coach and Horſes fell into the Liffy, by which both the Horſes were drown'd, but the Coachman ſaved himſelf.

The ſame Day five Perſons were whipp'd thro' the City of Dublin for Riots and other Miſdemeanors. — That Evening a Fiſhing Boat was caſt away in Polebegg, with 6 Men in her, two of whom were drown'd, but the other 4 were taken up by Boats. —— The Hon. Col. Cornwallis, and ſeveral Officers, are come over, we hear, from Ireland, to raiſe Recruits for that Eſtabliſhment.

Whitehall, Dec. 8. His Majeſty has been pleaſed to direct his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland to iſſue out the neceſſary Writs and Letters Patent for tranſlating the Right Rev. Doctor Robert Clayton, Biſhop of Killala and Achonry, to the Biſhoprick of Cork and Roſs, void by the Death of Peter late Biſhop thereof; the Right Rev. Doctor Mordecai Cary, Biſhop of Clonfert and Kilmacduagh, to the Biſhoprick of Killala and Achonry; and for promoting Doctor John Whetcombe to the Biſhoprick of Clonfert and Kilmacduagh.

Sunday Night laſt the new-born Son of the Hon. James Brudenell, one of the Grooms of the Bedchamber to his Majeſty, was baptized at his Houſe in Dover-ſtreet, by the Name of William; his Royal Highneſs the Duke of Cumberland, and his Grace the Duke of Richmond ſtanding Godfathers; and the Right Hon. the Counteſs of Pembroke Godmother.

Yeſterday Sir Swinnington Dyer, Bart. lay dangerouſly ill at his Houſe in Kenſington.

The ſame Morning John Johnſon, Eſq; was married at St. Anns, to Miſs Curtiſs, Daughter of John Curtiſs of High Wickham in the County of Berks, Eſq; a beautiful young Lady, with a Fortune of 7000 l.

Laſt Monday Night died at her Houſe in Pall-mall-court, Madam Ruſſel, Siſter to Sir William Ruſſel, Bart.

The ſame Day five Men ſate in the Stocks on Snow-hill, for bringing Cattle to Smithfield Market on Sunday Evening before the uſual Hour; and two of them paid their Fines.

We do acknowledge ourſelves to be miſinformed in the Paragraph we mentioned in our Yeſterday's Paper, relating to the Cauſe between Mr. Wheler Plaintiff, and Mr. Trotter Defendant, being well aſſured, that the ſame hath not been heard before the Lord High Chancellor; and that the Point in Queſtion in the ſaid Cauſe, is not truly ſtated in ſuch Paragraph, which we declare we had not from Mr. Trotter, or any Perſon concerned for him; but from a Paper printed at Durham.

Yeſterday Bank Stock was 146. India 166 1-half. South Sea 92. Old Annuity 108 1-8th to 1-4th. New ditto 109 to 1-8th. Three per Cent. Annuity 98 1-half. Emperor's Loan 106 1-half. Royal-Aſſurance 101 1-half to 102. London-Aſſurance 13. York Buildings 2 1-4th. African 15. India Bonds 5 l. 8 s. to 10 s. Prem. Three per Cent. ditto 3 l. 13 s. Premium. South Sea Bonds no Price. New Bank Circulation 5 l. Prem. Salt Tallies 4 l. to 4 l. 10 s. Prem. Engliſh Copper 21. 1s. Welſh ditto, Books ſhut. Three 1-half per Cent. Exchequer Orders 3 per Cent. Prem. Million Bank 109 1-half.

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